



Express Mail Label No.

Dated: _____

Docket No.: 03193/000E966-US0
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Dirk Neubauer et al.

Application No.: 09/218,761

Confirmation No.:

Filed: December 22, 1998

Art Unit: 3681

For: TRANSMISSION

Examiner: T. D. Lewis

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 (37 CFR 1.97(b)(4)).

A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language documents is enclosed.

A copy of each document on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is given for only non-English language listed items.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$300.00 or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

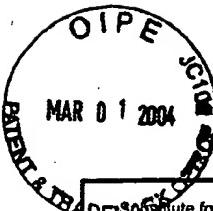
Dated: March 1, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

By

Edward J. Ellis

Registration No.: 40,389
DARBY & DARBY P.C.
P.O. Box 5257
New York, New York 10150-5257
(212) 527-7700
(212) 753-6237 (Fax)
Attorneys/Agents For Applicant



PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Information Disclosure Statement for form 1449A/B/PTO				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	09/218,761
				Filing Date	December 22, 1998
				First Named Inventor	Dirk Neubauer
				Art Unit	3681
				Examiner Name	T. D. Lewis
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	03193/000E966-US0

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
BA		GB-1,076,315	07-19-1967	ROBERT BOSCH GMBH	
BB		GB-1,081,707	08-31-1967	ROBERT BOSCH GMBH	
BC		FR-1,409,558 (equivalent to GB 1076315)	08-27-1965	ROBERT BOSCH GMBH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BD		EP-0 301 724	02-01-1989	GAYDON TECHNOLOGY LIMITED	
BE		FR-1,406,240 (equivalent to GB 1081707)	07-19-1965	ROBERT BOSCH GMBH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------